



Learning Together in Harmony

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COVID-19

Parents are asked to refer to the 'Advice for Families' page on the Department of Education's website for information on when students are allowed to school after being unwell. If your child presents to school with even mild flu-like symptoms, we are required to send them home. After providing evidence of a negative COVID test, your child **MUST** remain at home until they are symptom-free.

2021 LEADERS

Our Year 5 students spoke extremely well last week, presenting themselves as excellent School Leaders for next year. Each Year 5 student will be a School Leader, with the various roles to be discussed by the end of term. Congratulations to the following, who were elected into their roles for 2021:

School Captains: Eliza and Sharleigh

Student Council President: Taylor

Congratulations to these students, it's such a great achievement.



END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

We really can't believe that we only have 8 days of school left, and what a big 8 days they will be!

We have spent many hours discussing as a staff how we can make the end of the year events accessible to all considering we are bound by COVID restrictions by NSW Health and the DoE. We really appreciate all parents understanding that we have tried our very best to include you all in our celebrations. We too are sad that you cannot share these events with us, but we do just have to go with the flow, and do the very best we can. Next year, with fingers crossed, will certainly be the year of celebrations. Please read the below carefully so you don't miss anything important:

As mentioned in our last newsletter presentations will be held over 3 afternoon assemblies this year due to the COVID restrictions. All assemblies will take place at 2:40pm under the COLA. Each class will be presented with their class awards for the year and perform an item. Unfortunately, parents are not allowed on site but if socially distanced may watch the assembly from outside the gate. The assemblies will occur during Week 9 – **this week:**

3-6 Class awards – Tuesday 8 December

K-2 Class Awards – Wednesday 9 December

Major Awards Presentation – Thursday 10 December

SCHOOL REPORTS

School reports and work portfolios will be sent home with all students this Friday. If you have any questions in regards to reports please contact the office to make an appointment to discuss with your class teacher.

STAFF EXTENDED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WEDNESDAY – 18.11.20 (3.15PM – 6.15PM)

On Wednesday 18 November all staff participated in their second professional learning evening which represents one development day scheduled for December 18th. The evening was spent looking at current school processes in literacy and numeracy and planning for the next school plan 2020-2024.

This means that there will be no staff on site on Friday 18 December and the school will be non-operational as staff have already worked this gazetted staff development day.

WEEK 10 ACTIVITIES

Monday 14 – December – Year 6 Day Out – Notes to be returned by this Thursday.

Tuesday 15 December – Colour Run and Water play afternoon. Please make sure that students have old clothes and enclosed shoes to change into for their water play and colour run. All students **MUST** have a hat to participate on this day – **NO HAT- NO PLAY!**

Wednesday 16 December – Last day of school, Class Pizza Party & Year 6 Clap Out. All money must be paid by this Wednesday for students to be provided with lunch on this day. If not paid we assume your child will be bringing their own lunch. Unfortunately, we cannot accept payment after this date. So please get payments in as we would hate for your child to miss out. This is also an out of uniform day.

Year 6 Clap Out – A separate note has gone home with all year 6 students in regards to parents being able to participate in the cutting of the cake and celebrating the end of their schooling. Please read this not carefully. The rest of the school will be forming a guard of honour at the bottom gate at 3pm to farewell our Year 6 students. Mrs Bird has organised the cakes for Year 6.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

We are once again collecting gifts and groceries for the Salvation Army. Please send in any donations with your child.

P&C MEETING & RAFFLE

Our P&C meeting will be held tomorrow at 3:15pm in the school library. All community members are welcome. At this meeting Mrs Leary will be discussing anticipated classes for next year and the P&C will be discussing choices for our new playground equipment. At the conclusion of this meeting Mrs Leary will be discussing the school's Strategic Directions for the next 4 years. If you are interested in learning about, consulting and providing your feedback on the school plan for the future please come along.

Hopefully everyone is also selling their raffle tickets, please see the office if you need some more. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 10 December at 3pm.

P&C AGM

Our 2021 AGM will be on Tuesday 9 February at 3:15am in the library. Please come along and support our wonderful school.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Iona Public School Parents and Citizens Association will be held on Tuesday 9 February, 2021 at 3.15pm in the school library. In accordance with the Federation of Parents and Citizens' Association guidelines the following will apply:

The officer positions determined at the AGM, according to both Standard and Prescribed Constitution are: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. All positions will be declared vacant. Please consider nominating for one of these positions.

LIBRARY NEWS

Parents and carers please remind your children to return their Library books this week, as borrowing has ended for the year. We are in the process of stocktaking our resources, which will be a mammoth task!

Thank you to all those students who have returned their books already. However, there are still quite a number of books still out on loan. Reminder notices for overdue books were sent out recently. If there is a problem regarding this, please come and see Mrs Mahony or Mrs Leary. Unfortunately, if books are not returned we will have to pass on the cost of their replacement to parents.

DATES FOR TERM 1 2021

Please be mindful of the additional School Development Day (SDD) next year.

Wednesday January 27 - SDD1

Thursday January 28 - SDD2

Friday January 29 - First day for all students K-6

Thursday April 1 - Last day of Term 1

For more 2021 dates please go to the NSW Department of Education Calendar

What a year! We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our community for their patience and support as we have worked through the COVID crisis. We assume that most of us are happy to see the end of 2020. Not having our community allowed in the school has been a challenge, and we hope that these restrictions will be lifted next year. We wish everyone a relaxing, safe and exciting Christmas and New Year break.



Zander turns 10 on 16 December

Nathan turns 12 on 17 December

Phoebe turns 7 on 27 December

Ben L turns 9 on 27 December



Telarah Public School Preschool 2021 Enrolment

Telarah Public School Preschool provides outstanding early childhood education in a wonderful learning environment. This has been recognised through achieving the rating of Exceeding the National Quality Standard in all Quality Areas.

Our Preschool operates for children in the year before they start school. It is a 5-day fortnight program with children either attending:

- Mondays, Tuesdays and alternate Wednesdays OR
- Thursdays, Fridays and alternate Wednesdays



Fees are \$10 per day and further reduced for families of Aboriginal background or Health Care Card holders. Please note fees have been exempt during COVID-19 and information regarding any further fee exemption periods will be provided at the start of 2021. For all enquires please contact our office: 49328477



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CLASSROOM NEWS

K/1/2

Our author study this term focused on the wonderful works by Mem Fox. We have immensely enjoyed reading books such as Possum Magic, Koala Lou and Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge. To conclude this unit, the Ninja's participated in The Mem Fox Reading Café! They read stories to each other and showcased their knowledge about the famous Australian author and her books.

In preparation for the end of year clean up, can you please make sure your child brings in a sturdy bag to school next Monday. There will be no home reader or library borrowing this week and remember to bring in any outstanding books. Thank you to all parents and caregivers for their support throughout the year. Have a safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Just a reminder to please bring in drama costumes on Wednesday ready for filming on Thursday.



3/4/5/6

It is so hard to believe this year is drawing to a close. And what a year it's been! In the classroom we have covered so much content and every single student is to be commended for playing their part in making that happen. Our class grew and grew throughout the year and each time that happened the new students were welcomed with open arms, slotting into our daily routines and quickly making new friends. This week we are finishing off the last of our units, desperately trying to finish reading the fantastic novel *His Name Was Walter* by Emily Rodda, and starting some wonderful Christmas activities. Our pictures this week show students working hard on a maths challenge involving area and a Lego We-Do creation with a Christmas theme. I would like to thank all parents for their support of our school throughout this year. We've all survived a range of challenges, including the working from home phase, and our students have thrived. Our seven Year 6 classmates are so grown-up as they prepare for high school. They will all be missed next year but we are so lucky to have five wonderful Year 5 students who will step up to lead our school. A big congratulations to our new school captains Eliza and Sharleigh, SRC president Taylor, and leaders Grace and Duke. You all have an important role to play in 2021 and I'm confident you will all excel. I wish all the Astronauts an enjoyable Christmas holidays and I look forward to seeing them again at the end of January, all refreshed and ready for a new year of learning.

